

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 48

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3 BY REQUEST OF THE STATE ADMINISTRATION, PUBLIC RETIREMENT SYSTEMS, AND VETERANS'

4 AFFAIRS INTERIM COMMITTEE

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6 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO IMPLEMENT CERTAIN
7 RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE STATE ADMINISTRATION, PUBLIC RETIREMENT SYSTEMS, AND
8 VETERANS' AFFAIRS INTERIM COMMITTEE AS THE RECOMMENDATIONS RELATE TO STATE
9 PROCUREMENT AND CONTRACTING; PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE
10 DATE."

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12 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that it is in the best interests of the state to cultivate relationships
13 with the entities with which the state does business, particularly those businesses commonly recognized
14 as vendors of supplies and services; and

15 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that technology provides both opportunities and challenges for
16 state procurement officials and vendors wishing to do business with the state; and

17 WHEREAS, the nature, scope, value, complexity, and visibility of public procurements and the
18 contracts that enforce them continue to expand; and

19 WHEREAS, with changes in technology, the state's business environment, and the craft of
20 designing and executing procurements and contracts, there is a high demand and clear need for a
21 well-trained and adequately-staffed workforce; and

22 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that an investment in certain initiatives relevant to state
23 procurement and contracts, including vendor outreach, staff training, and adequate workforce, is prudent
24 and necessary for the purposes of advancing the best interests of the state.

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26 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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28 NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Appropriation.** (1) There is appropriated from the general fund to the
29 department of administration for fiscal year 2002:

30 (a) \$57,374, to be used only for a position within the department to perform the following:

- 1 (i) develop and provide a vendor outreach program to help businesses do business with the state;
- 2 (ii) provide training to procurement staff; and
- 3 (iii) develop and implement a certification program for state contracts officers and contracts
- 4 assistants;
- 5 (b) \$15,000, to be used only for certification programs that are intended to serve, in part, as
- 6 competency indicators for certain decisions regarding hiring or retention as a contracts officer or assistant
- 7 or as a contracts manager;
- 8 (c) \$74,057, to be used only for a contracts officer position and a contracts assistant position to
- 9 address state procurement workload issues;
- 10 (d) \$49,374, to be used only for a contracts manager position;
- 11 (e) \$46,500, to be used to deploy a system to:
- 12 (i) disseminate notification to vendors of contract opportunities;
- 13 (ii) allow for online vendor registration, tracking, and notification; and
- 14 (iii) allow for the submission of bids and proposals and for the award and payment of claims over
- 15 the internet or through other technology that can facilitate electronic commerce; and
- 16 (f) \$25,000 for equipment and supplies for the positions described in subsections (1)(a), (1)(c),
- 17 and (1)(d).
- 18 (2) There is appropriated from the general fund to the department of administration for fiscal year
- 19 2003:
- 20 (a) \$45,874, to be used only for the position described in subsection (1)(a);
- 21 (b) \$15,000, for the certification programs described in subsection (1)(b);
- 22 (c) \$67,557, to be used only for the positions described in subsection (1)(c);
- 23 (d) \$45,874, to be used only for the position described in subsection (1)(d); and
- 24 (e) \$1,500, to be used to maintain the system described in subsection (1)(e).
- 25 (3) The appropriations in subsections (1)(a), (1)(c), (1)(d), (2)(a), (2)(c), and (2)(d) may be used
- 26 for personal services costs and for operating expenses and equipment necessary for the positions
- 27 described in subsections (1)(a), (1)(c), (1)(d), (2)(a), (2)(c), and (2)(d).
- 28 (4) The positions and the training and vendor outreach programs described and funded in this
- 29 section must be budgeted for and shown as new proposals in the executive budget presented to the 58th
- 30 legislature.

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2 NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Effective date.** [This act] is effective July 1, 2001.

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